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Title: MICROVALVE DEVICES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

Applicant(s) in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a three-month extension of time to and including July 16, 2004 for responding to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209346.0018) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

[X] Extension fee in the amount of \$475.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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